

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as follows:

sub C¹ 1. (Once amended) An isolated and purified recombinant adenoviral vector, said vector comprising:
an adenoviral genome from which the E1A/E1B genes have been deleted;
a transgene coding for a stress related factor which is a heat shock protein; and
a promoter operably linked to said transgene, wherein expression of the transgene is controlled by said promoter.

2 9. (Once amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said stress related factor is selected from the group consisting of HSP70i, HSP27, HSP40, and HSP60.